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1. On or about 23 November, the paramilitary police school at Naumburg received a consignment (total number unknown) of light infantry howitzers (L.I.G.) (75 mm). It is believed that Naumburg will serve as distributing point for several other schools. Reportedly, each school will be issued a total of 13 L.I.G.s.

25X1X- The pieces [redacted] came without wheels or sighting devices.
25X1A [redacted] totally unsuited for training purposes, let alone for practical use.

- 25X1X- Comment: L.I.G.s used to be standard equipment of the 13th (L.I.G.) Company of a German infantry division. They rode on spoke wheels and were horse-drawn. In motorized units they were equipped with rubber tires and drawn by 1 ton half-tracks.

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3. The police school at Gießen, a category B (artillery) school, received on 8 December 1949 the following weapons.

- 1 heavy field howitzer (LFH 18) - 150 mm
- 1 heavy field howitzer (gun mount with gun barrel) - 105 mm
- 1 light field howitzer - 105 mm
- 3 anti-tank guns - 75 mm
- 1 heavy infantry howitzer - 105 mm
- 3 light infantry howitzers - 75 mm
- 1 heavy mortar - 120 mm

Also delivered were 6 panoramic telescopes of recent manufacture. No optical sights were provided and some of the artillery pieces came without wheels.

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